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VOLUME

SHINICHIROU
NARIE PRESENTS

ORIGINAL
STORY TAKUMI
HIIRAGIBOSHI

CHARACTER
DESIGN YOU
ASABA

ABSOLUTE アブソリュートデュオ DUO



ANSWER
ME!!



WHAT
HAPPEN-
ED...?



WHAT...



WELL...



"WHAT
HAPPENED?"



THEY
WERE
WEAK...



SO
THEY
DIED.

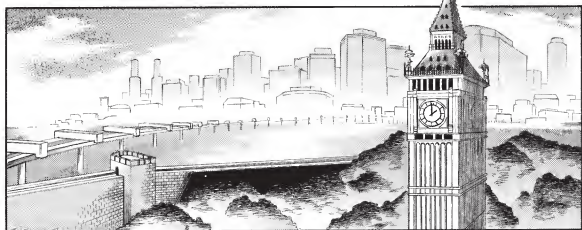
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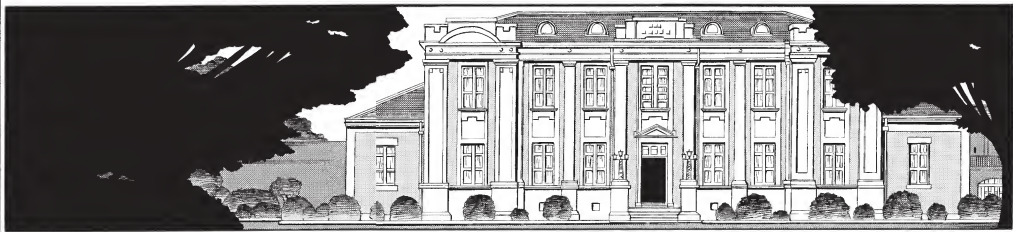
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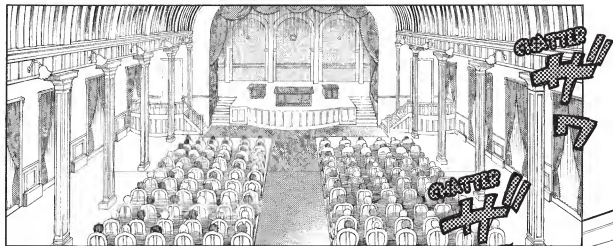
Shinichirou Nariie
Original Story: Takumi Hiiiragiboshi
Character Design: You Asaba

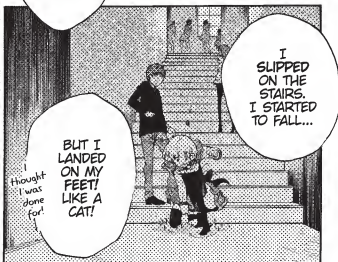
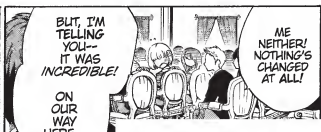


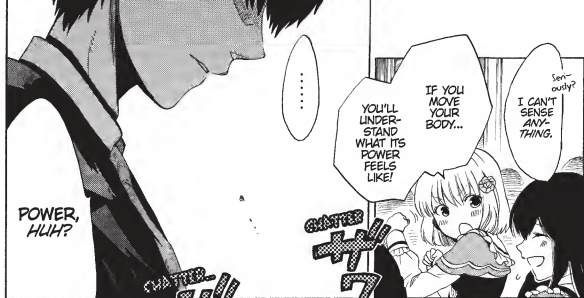


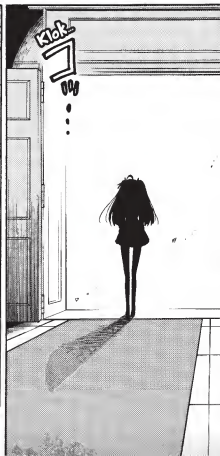
KOR.
ACAD.
OPEN
CEREMO

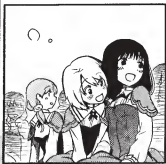
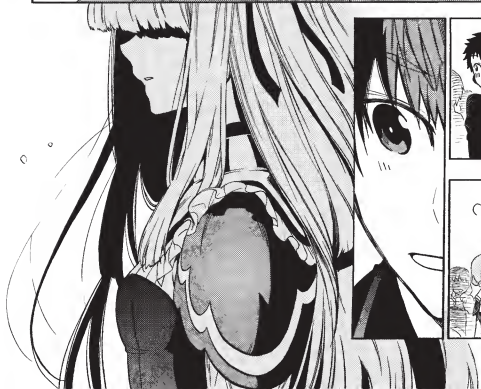










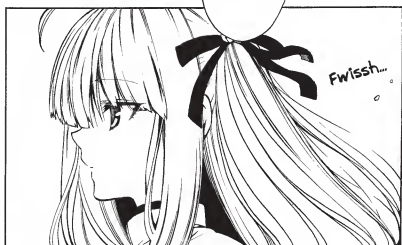


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A GIRL
THAT
PRETTY
WOULD
CATCH
ANY-
ONE'S
EYE.

HEY, YOU
DON'T HAVE
TO PRETEND
YOU WEREN'T
ENTRANCED
BY HER. I
UNDERSTAND.

BUT...



SO, YOU'RE SAYING
THAT NEITHER I NOR
THAT BEAUTIFUL
FOREIGN GIRL
ARE A MATCH FOR
WHATEVER YOU WERE
THINKING ABOUT?

AH...
SORRY.

I WAS
JUST
LOST IN
THOUGHT.

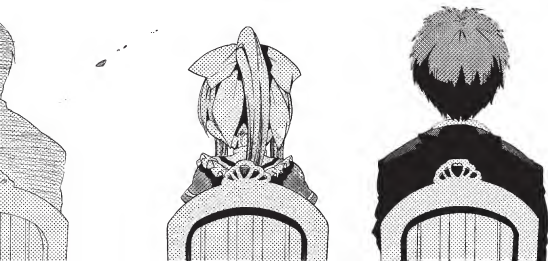
I
GUESS
THAT'S
WHAT IT
SOUNDS
LIKE...
Ha...
ha...



CONSIDERING
WE'RE ALL
HERE...

I WONDER
WHY SHE'D
DELIBERATELY
ENROLL IN AN
UNUSUAL
SCHOOL LIKE
THIS...

TO STUDY
COMBAT
TECHNIQUES.





SHE'S SO CUTE. IT WOULD BE A SHAME FOR HER TO MAR THAT PRETTY FACE IN BATTLE.

THAT SILVER HAIR AND SNOW-WHITE SKIN...

PETITE, WITH LOVELY FEATURES...

SIGH... I ENVY HER.



IT IS ODD.

SHE MUST HAVE A GOOD REASON FOR COMING HERE.



UM, I WAS JUST TELLING YOU WHAT I THOUGHT...!

WH-WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?!

WAIT, WHAT?!



DON'T SELL YOURSELF SHORT. YOU'RE QUITE LOVELY YOURSELF, YOU KNOW.

You're right, but...

REALLY? HEE HEE! THANK Y--



EXCUSE ME...

YOU CAN'T JUST BLURT OUT SOMETHING EMBARRASSING LIKE THAT!

E-EVEN IF YOU'RE THINKING IT...



SORRY ABOUT THAT.

OH, S-SORRY!



MY APOLOGIES, BUT COULD YOU PLEASE KEEP IT DOWN?



Sigh...



UH... WHAT IS THERE TO MISUNDERSTAND...?

YOU MIGHT GIVE THE WRONG IMPRESSION...

A-ANYWAY, YOU CAN'T SAY STUFF LIKE THAT SO SUDDENLY TO PEOPLE!

Ahem...



I APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION.

THANK YOU...

I SHOULD
INTRODUCE
MYSELF!

I GUESS
WE
STARTED
OFF A BIT
WEIRD.

ANY-
WAY...

MY
NAME
IS...

NAGAKURA
IMARI.

NICE
TO
MEET
YOU.

I'M...

KOKONOE
TOR.

WHEN YOU
SUBLIMED
THE LUKIFER,
WHAT DID IT
FEEL LIKE?

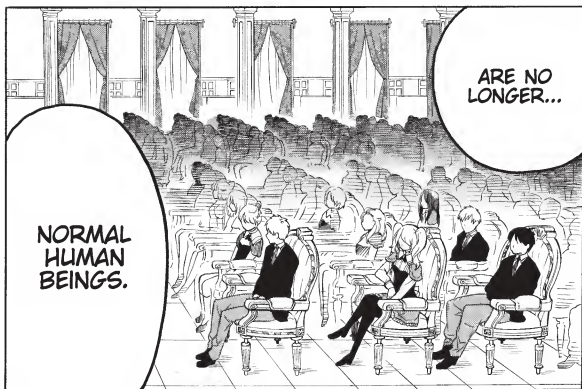
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TOR...

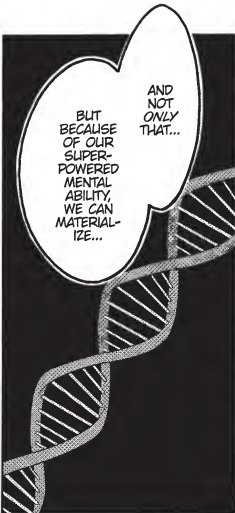
CALL
ME
IMARI.

NICE
TO MEET
YOU,
NAGA-
KURA.

SQUEEZE

LIKE
I WAS
BURNING
ALIVE.





BUT
BECAUSE
OF OUR
SUPER-
POWERED
MENTAL
ABILITY,
WE CAN
MATERIAL-
IZE...

AND
NOT
ONLY
THAT...



LUKIFER.

THEY
CALLED IT AN
INJECTION OF
"ORGANISM-
EMPOWERING
NANOBOTS"...

YEAH.



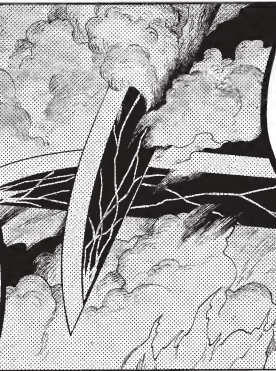
THAT WAS
HOW THEY
EXPLAINED
IT, WASN'T
IT?

ONCE IT'S
ADMINISTERED
TO SOMEONE
WHO HAS
THAT ONE-
IN-A-
THOUSAND
COMPATIBILITY
FOR IT...

IT GIVES
THAT PERSON
PHYSICAL
ABILITIES THAT
FAR EXCEED
THE NORMAL
LIMITS OF
THE HUMAN
BODY...

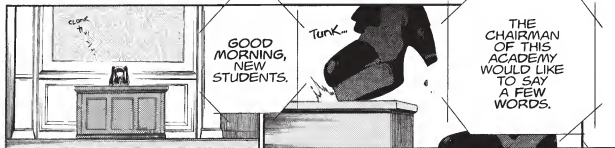


FROM
OUR
SOULS.



THE
WEAPON
KNOWN AS
"BLAZE"...





GOOD
MORNING,
NEW
STUDENTS.

TurK...

THE
CHAIRMAN
OF THIS
ACADEMY
WOULD LIKE
TO SAY
A FEW
WORDS.

WELCOME
TO KORYO
ACADEMY.

TSUKUMO
SAKUYA.

I AM THE
SCHOOL
CHAIR-
MAN...

THAT
GIRL...!



SHE
WAS
RIGHT
NEXT
TO ME!

WHEN
I WAS
ADMINIS-
TERED THE
LUKIFER...



DIDN'T YOU
READ THE
SCHOOL
BROCHURE?

OF COURSE
I'M SURPRISED!
A GIRL THAT
YOUNG IS THE
CHAIRMAN--
AND ON TOP
OF THAT...

WHAT'S
WRONG?
YOU LOOK
SUR-
PRISED.



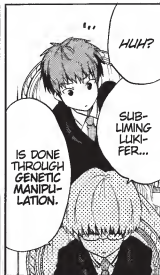
THAT'S
VERY
LIKELY
THE
CASE.

THAT HAS
SOMETHING
TO DO
WITH THE
LUKIFER...

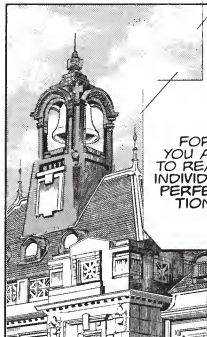
GENETIC
ENGIN-
EERING?
YOU
DON'T
THINK...

THE DAWN
INSTITUTE
FOUNDED
THIS
ACADEMY.

TSUKOMO
SAKUYA
CONDUCTED
RESEARCH AS
A GENETIC
ENGINEER
FOR THE DAWN
INSTITUTE.







THAT
ITSELF
IS ONE
OF THE
PRECEPTS
OF THIS
ACADEMY--

FOR
YOU ALL
TO REACH
INDIVIDUAL
PERFEC-
TION.



YOU WILL
ALL LEARN
VARIOUS
TECH-
NIQUES,
AND GAIN
SPECIALIZED
BATTLE
KNOWLEDGE.

THIS IS
SO THAT
YOU MAY
ASPIRE
TO EVEN
GREATER
HEIGHTS.



IT IS
MY
HOPE...

THAT
SOME-
DAY,
EVERY
ONE
OF
YOU...

RAISE



AND
NOW,
FINAL-
LY...

I WOULD
LIKE TO
SEND
YOU OFF
WITH
THESE
WORDS.



AND NOW...

ALL
NEW
STUDENTS...

ATTAINS
ABSOLUTE
DUO!





IT'S TIME
FOR AN
ACADEMY
TRADITION.

WE WILL
NOW
HOLD OUR
QUALI-
FICATION
CEREMONY!

CHATTER

AFTER
I'VE EX-
PLAINED
THE
RULES,
YOU AND
YOUR
PARTNER...

THIS
PERSON
WILL BE
YOUR
PARTNER.

BARS
ON THE
WIN-
DOWS?

WHAT
ARE
THEY
TRYING
TO DO?

PLEASE
LOOK
TO THE
SEAT
NEXT
TO YOU.

SWISH

WILL
BATTLE
ONE
ANOTHER.



DU-
DUN

HUH...?

WHA...?



THIS
TRADITIONAL
EVENT--
THE QUALIFI-
CATION
CEREMONY--

IS THE
ENTRANCE
EXAM FOR
YOUR
ADMITTANCE
INTO KORYO
ACADEMY.

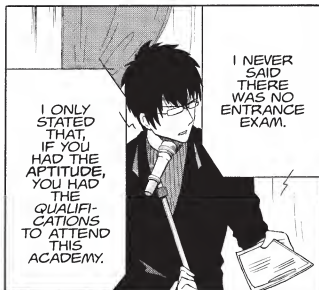
GLAMOR

YOU...
YOU'VE
GOT TO
BE KID-
DING,
RIGHT?!

AND THE
LOSERS
SHALL
PROMPTLY
VACATE THE
PREMISES
AFTER THEY
HAVE THEIR
LUKIFER
REMOVED.

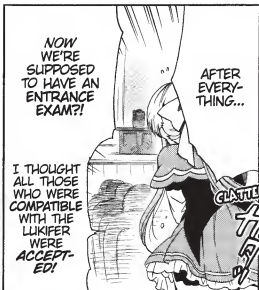
THOSE
WHO WIN
THEIR
DUEL
SHALL BE
ADMIT-
TED...

THIS
EXPLAINS
WHY WE
WERE
ABLE TO
ATTEND THE
ENTRANCE
CEREMONY
SO EASILY.



I ONLY STATED THAT, IF YOU HAD THE APTITUDE, YOU HAD THE QUALIFICATIONS TO ATTEND THIS ACADEMY.

I NEVER SAID THERE WAS NO ENTRANCE EXAM.

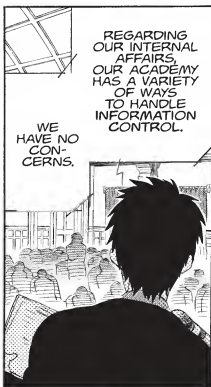


NOW WE'RE SUPPOSED TO HAVE AN ENTRANCE EXAM?!

AFTER EVERYTHING...

I THOUGHT ALL THOSE WHO WERE COMPATIBLE WITH THE LUKIFER WERE ACCEPT-ED!

CLATTER



REGARDING OUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS, OUR ACADEMY HAS A VARIETY OF WAYS TO HANDLE INFORMATION CONTROL.

WE HAVE NO CONCERNS.



EVEN WITH THAT RISK, YOU'RE STILL PLANNING TO FAIL HALF THE PEOPLE HERE?

HAVEN'T YOU CONSIDERED THAT THOSE WHO FAIL THIS ENTRANCE EXAM...

COULD LEAK INFORMATION ABOUT THIS ACADEMY-- AND ABOUT THE LUKIFER?

CLATTER



EXPLAIN THE RULES OF THIS EXAM.

NOW THAT YOU ALL UNDERSTAND, PLEASE ALLOW ME TO...



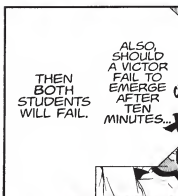
OF
COURSE
...

WE ALSO
ALLOW YOU
TO UTILIZE
THE
MATERIAL-
IZATION OF
YOUR SOUL
THROUGH
LUKIFER--
YOUR BLAZE.



IN THIS
DUEL,
YOU ARE
ESSENTIALLY
FREE TO DO
WHATEVER
YOU WANT.

THERE
ARE NO
RESTRICTI-
ONS ON
WHAT
WEAPONS
YOU CAN
USE.



THEN
BOTH
STUDENTS
WILL FAIL.

ALSO,
SHOULD
A VICTOR
FAIL TO
EMERGE
AFTER
TEN
MINUTES...



CHATTER-
H!!
H!!
H!!

THE DUEL WILL
CONCLUDE
WHEN THERE
IS EITHER A
CONCESSION
OF DEFEAT,
OR ONE
COMBATANT
HAS BEEN
KNOCKED UN-
CONSCIOUS.

IF YOU
DO NOT
WANT TO
PARTICI-
PATE IN
THIS DUEL,
YOU ARE
FREE TO
LEAVE.



IN OTHER
WORDS,
THE GOAL
OF THIS
IS TO
OVERCOME
OTHERS SO
YOU YOUR-
SELF CAN
SURVIVE.

TAKE
THIS
SERI-
OUSLY.

TREAT IT
AS YOU
WOULD
ANY
OTHER
ENTRANCE
EXAM.



THAT I
WOULD
LIKE TO
EXPLAIN.

NOW
THEN,
BEFORE
WE
BEGIN...

THERE
IS ONE
THING
ABOUT
BLAZE...

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MURMUR

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MUTTER

LISTEN
CARE-
FULLY.

THERE-
FORE,
SUCH
WEAPONS
CAN ONLY
DAMAGE
ONE'S
SOUL.

BLAZE IS
A WEAPON
CREATED
BY THE
MATERI-
ALIZ-
ATION OF
ONE'S SOUL.

THEY
ARE A
WEAPON
USED FOR
SUPPRES-
SION.

THE
ATTACKS
FROM A
BLAZE
WILL ONLY
EXHAUST
YOUR
OPPONENT'S
MENTAL
STRENGTH.

I-IS
THAT
SO...?
IN THAT
CASE...

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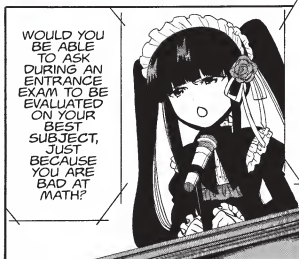
THEY
WILL NOT
PHYSICALLY
HARM YOUR
OPPONENT,
OR TAKE
THEIR LIFE.



IS IT
POSSIBLE...
TO CHANGE
ONE'S
PARTNER?



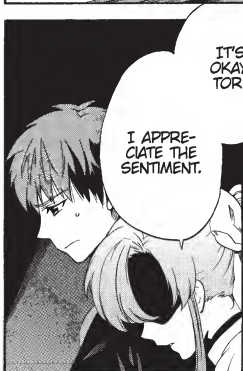
EXCUSE
ME...
ONE
QUESTION.



WOULD YOU
BE ABLE
TO ASK
DURING AN
ENTRANCE
EXAM TO BE
EVALUATED
ON YOUR
BEST
SUBJECT,
JUST
BECAUSE
YOU ARE
BAD AT
MATH?



YOU
CAN-
NOT.



I APPRE-
CIATE THE
SENTIMENT.



IT'S
OKAY,
TOR.

GRASP
YOUR
FUTURE
WITH A
FIRM
HAND!!

FIGHT,
EXCEEDS!

DON'T
UNDER-
ESTIMATE
ME.

BUT...

I
WILL
BE
VICTOR-
IOUS!!

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A
A
A
A
!!

THUK

THUK

THN

THN

GNG

EAM



I NEED
TO GAIN
ACCEPTANCE
INTO THIS
ACADEMY.

SO,
THAT'S
WHY...



I...
I HAVE
THINGS
THAT I
NEED
TO DO.

AND IN
ORDER TO
ACCOMPLISH
THEM...



GRIP

FWAH?

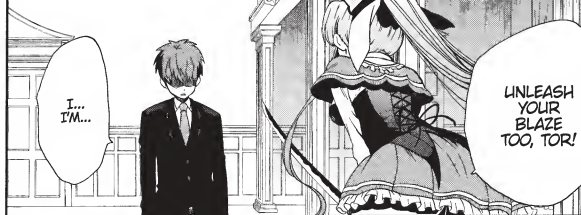
FLASH

I CAN'T
YIELD...

THIS
VICTORY
TO ANY-
ONE!!

VA-
CHAK

A



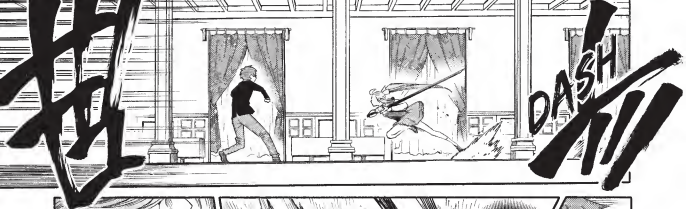
I'LL MAKE YOU REGRET THAT!!

DON'T YOU DARE MAKE FUN OF ME! JUST BECAUSE I'M A WOMAN!

THAT'S NOT IT!

I--

CHARGE



SURPASS-
ING THE
LIMITS OF
THE HUMAN
BODY...

THIS
IS...

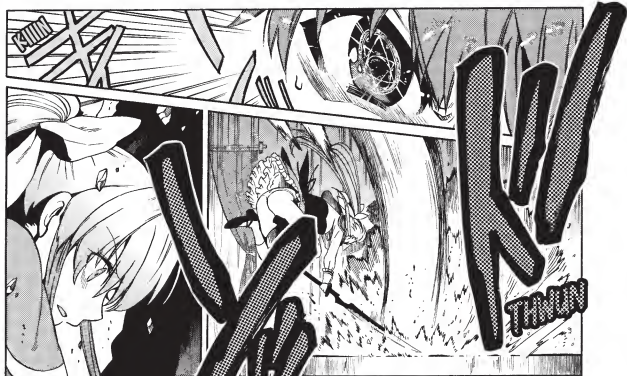
AN
EX-
CEED.

TATTER

BRACE...

SHEEEEN!

THIS
IS THE
POWER
OF
LUKIFER
...!







FIGHT
ME WITH
EVERYTHING
YOU'VE
GOT, TOR.



THAT'S...

WHAT
ETIQUETTE
DICTATES,
HERE.

Ah!

BUT...

I WANTED
STRENGTH.

THE
THINGS...
THE
PEOPLE
DEAR TO
ME...

THAT...
BLAZE
...!

MY
BLAZE...

IN A
STROKE
OF
IRONY...

IT'S...

YOUR
BLAZE
...

FROOOOAAAR

AND I
WILL
WIN!!

ITS
ATTACK
WILL **END**
ON THIS
SHIELD...

FROOAR

IT
ISN'T A
WEAPON
?!



HOW
VERY...

KNOWN
AS AN
"IR-
REGULAR"...

HIS IS
THE ONLY
DEFENSIVE-
TYPE BLAZE
IN THE
WORLD.

INTRIGUING.

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アブソリュート!

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DUO 1
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EVER
SINCE
THAT
DAY...

I'VE
FOCUSED ON
BECOMING
STRONGER.

TO DO
THAT...

I'LL
GRANT
YOUR
WISH.

IMARI.

HOW
IS THAT
EVEN POSSI-
BLE?!

A BLAZE
SHOULD
BE A
WEAPON!

FOR
YOURS
TO BE A
SHIELD...

I'LL FIGHT
YOU WITH
**EVERY-
THING**
I'VE GOT!

FWOOOOOO



GLANCE



SMILEX

TOR...

WE
DON'T
HAVE
MUCH
TIME
LEFT.





A close-up of a character with long, light-colored hair, smiling slightly. The character is wearing a dark, high-collared garment.

SOUNDS
GOOD.



A character with long, light-colored hair tied in a ponytail, wearing a dark, high-collared garment. The character is holding a sword with a dark hilt and a light-colored blade. The character is looking towards the right with a slight smile.

I WON'T
HAVE ANY
REGRETS.

I WAS
HOPING
YOU
WOULD
GET
SERIOUS,
TOR.

NOW THAT
I'VE SEEN
YOUR
RESOLVE,
NO MATTER
WHAT THE
OUTCOME
IS...



A character in a dynamic pose, possibly a sword or shield, with a large, dark, circular shape in the center. The character is wearing a dark, high-collared garment. The background is dark and textured.

I ACCEPT
YOUR
CHALLENGE!

A BATTLE
BETWEEN
SWORD
AND
SHIELD!

GAAN



COME
AT
ME...

DROOSH

WITH
EVERY-
THING
YOU'VE
GOT!!



CLAAANG

K-ank

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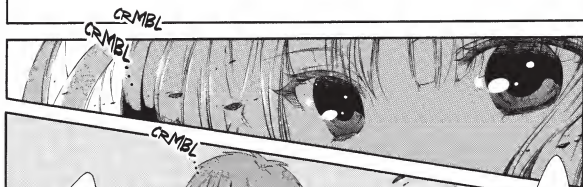
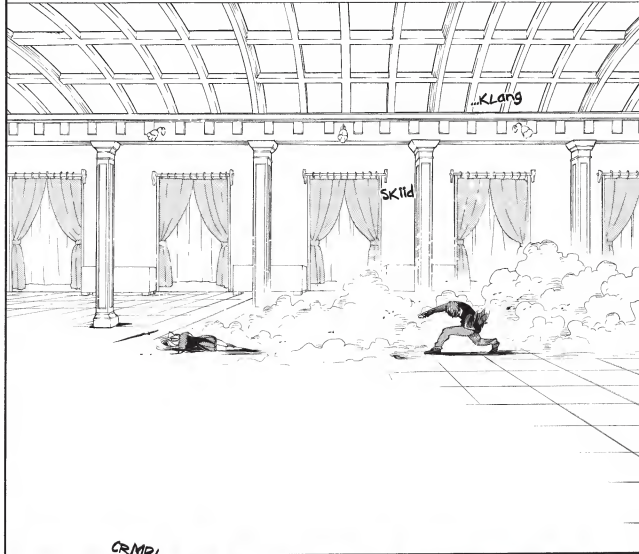


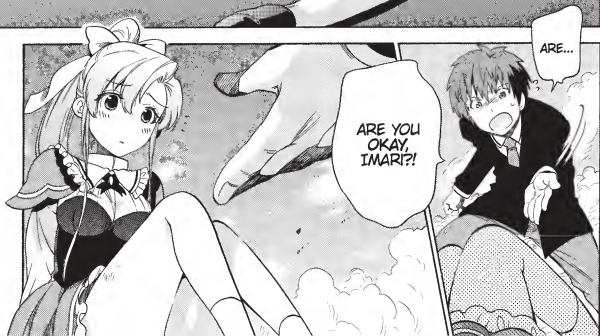
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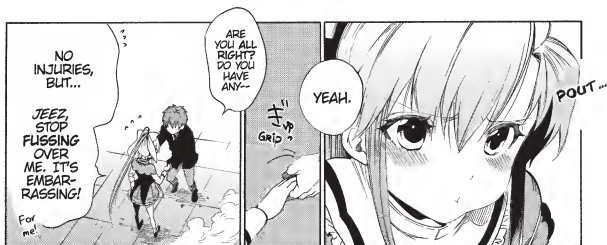
IS
THE
END!

SHU

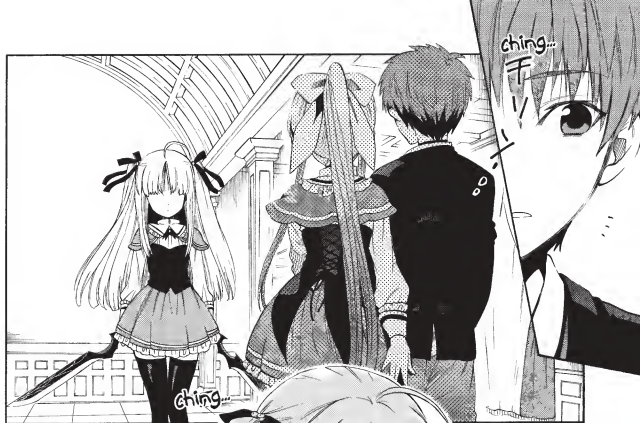






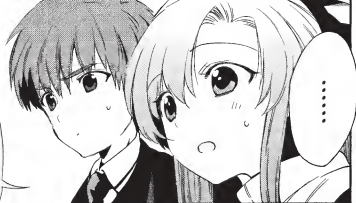








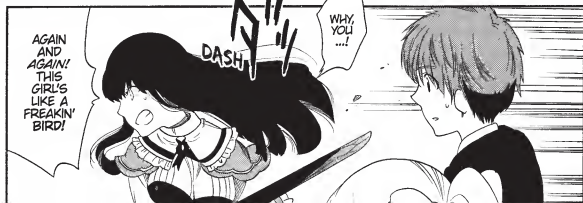
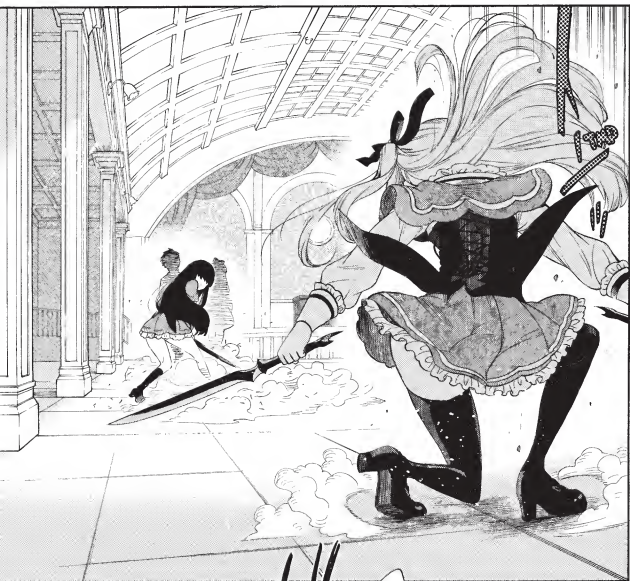
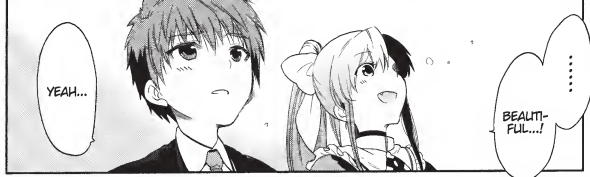
WHAT...
IS IT..?



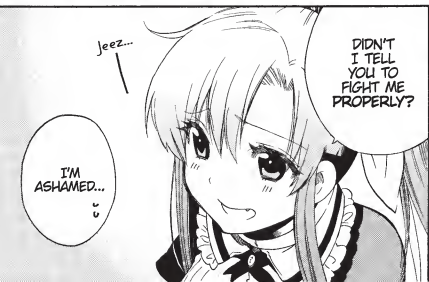












CREDIT
...?

((

I'LL LET
YOU OFF
ON CREDIT,
JUST THIS
ONCE.

IT'S
OKAY.



Yeah.

THE
NEXT
TIME WE
MEET...

HMM,
LET'S
SEE...

HOW
ABOUT YOU
TREAT ME
TO SOME
CAKE?



WELL,
THEN...

BYE
BYE,
TOR.



NO
MATTER
WHAT...

I MUST
GROW
STRON-
GER.

YEAH.

IT'S A
DEAL.



BOTH
FOR
IMARI'S
SAKE...

AND...





OTO...
HA...



ching...

TOR...



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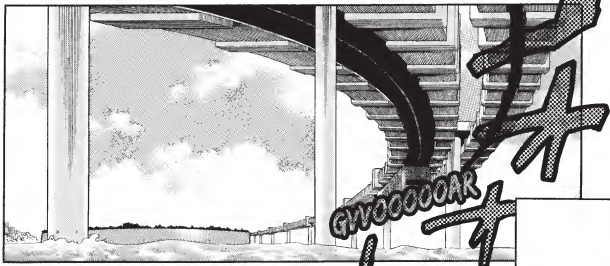
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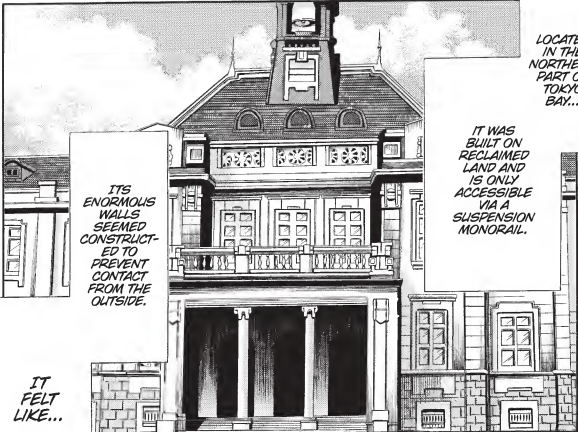


Chapter 3.

I'm Interested in You.



KORYO
ACADEMY.



LOCATED
IN THE
NORTHERN
PART OF
TOKYO
BAY...

ITS
ENORMOUS
WALLS
SEEMED
CONSTRUCT-
ED TO
PREVENT
CONTACT
FROM THE
OUTSIDE.

IT WAS
BUILT ON
RECLAIMED
LAND AND
IS ONLY
ACCESSIBLE
VIA A
SUSPENSION
MONORAIL.

IT
FELT
LIKE...



AN
ISOLATED
LABORATORY.



UGH...



WHAT'S
WRONG?



DURING
THE
EXAM...

I THINK
I OVER-
DID IT.

Ow...



YOUR
PAIN...IS
IT FROM
USING
THAT
ATTACK?

YEAH.

EVEN
THOUGH
I ONLY
THREW
ONE
PUNCH.



Hmph...

IMMA-
TURE
BRAT.

COULDN'T
YOU THINK
OF A
KINDER
WAY TO
SHARE
YOUR
THOUGHTS
?



IT WOULD
EVOLVE INTO
SUCH A
FIERCE
TECHNIQUE...

THAT AFTER
BEING
ADMINIS-
TERED THE
ORGANISM-
EMPOWERING
NANOBOTS
OF LUKIFER...



IT'S ONLY
RECENTLY
THAT I'VE
BEEN ABLE
TO USE IT.

WHY HAVEN'T
YOU EVER
USED THAT
TECHNIQUE
WHEN WE
WERE
SPARRING?!

TO
THINK
...

Were you
going easy
on me?!

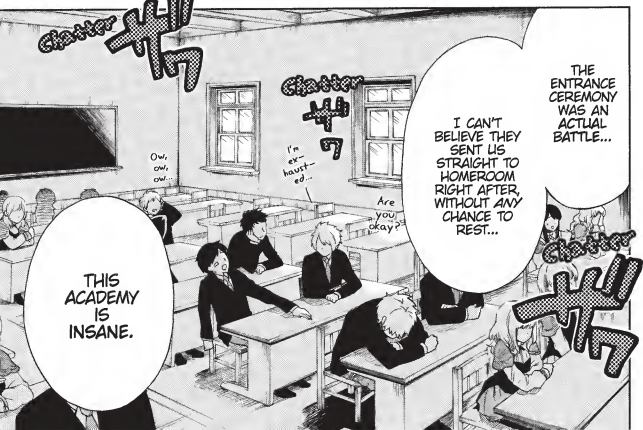


HMM.

I DON'T
THINK I'D
BE ABLE
TO USE IT
MORE THAN
TWICE IN
A DAY.



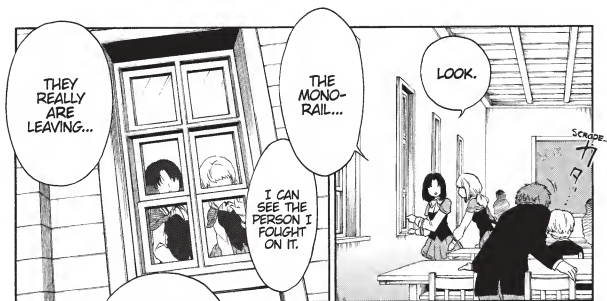
STILL, IT
TAKES A
PRETTY
HEAVY
TOLL
ON MY
BODY.



THIS
ACADEMY
IS
INSANE.

I CAN'T
BELIEVE THEY
SENT US
STRAIGHT TO
HOMEROOM
RIGHT AFTER,
WITHOUT ANY
CHANCE TO
REST...

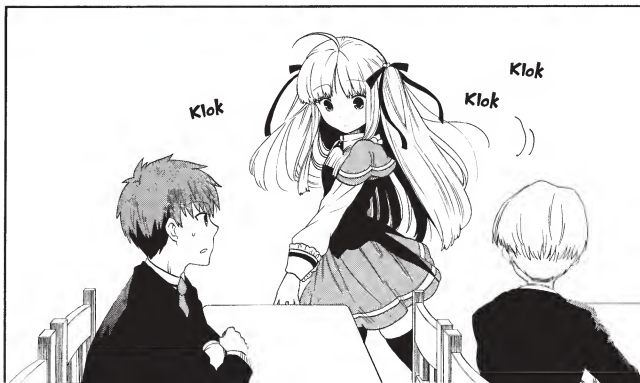
THE
ENTRANCE
CEREMONY
WAS AN
ACTUAL
BATTLE...

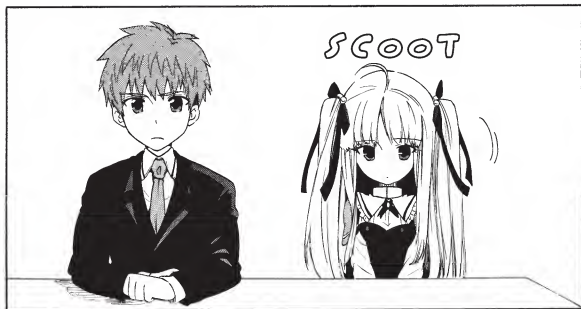


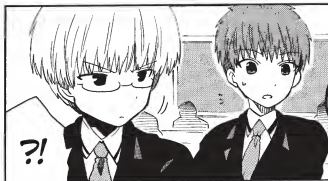
IMARI...













MY
NAME IS
TSUKIMI
RITO!

AND...
CONGRATULATIONS
ON BEING
ACCEPTED INTO
THE ACADEMY!

CALL ME
PROFESSOR
BUN-BUN,
OKAAAY?

NICE TO
MEETCHA!
I'M YOUR
HOMEROOM
TEACHER!

This is some next-level
craziness, here...

EVEN THE
TEACHERS
HERE ARE
INSANE.

I GUESS
WE
SHOULD
HAVE
SEEN IT
COMING...



TSUKIMI-SENSEI, PLEASE TRY TO TAKE THIS A BIT MORE SERIOUSLY.



WE'RE NOT STARING, WE'RE JUST IN SHOCK.



of course no one would blame you!

I KNOW I'M CUTE, BUT YOU DON'T NEED TO STARE! YOU'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO GAZE IN ADMIRATION!



THEY WOULD BE UNEASY IF IT WAS JUST YOU TEACHING THEM.

I'M IN CHARGE OF SUPER-VISING THE NEW STUDENTS.

MIKUNI-SENSEI, HELLO! WHAT'S WRONG?

Whaaaat?



ANYWAYS, TIME TO BEGIN HOME-ROOM!

Let's switch gears!

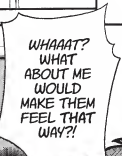
BEAM



EVERY-THING.

HE SAID IT!

EVERY-THING...



WHAAAAT? WHAT ABOUT ME WOULD MAKE THEM FEEL THAT WAY?!



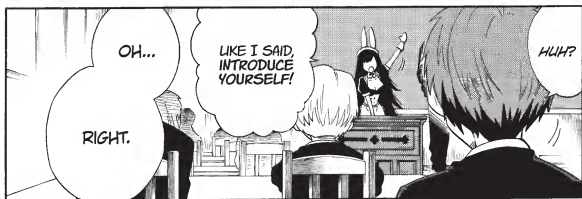
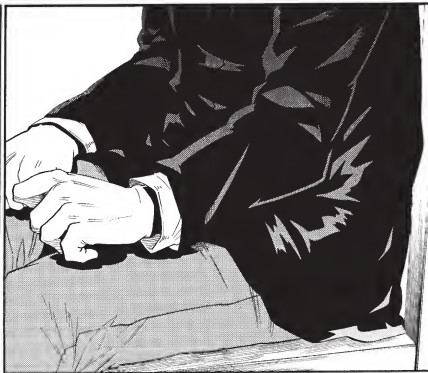
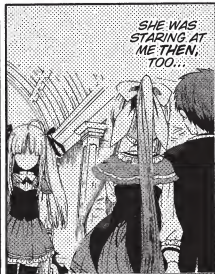
STARTING
WITH...
YOU!

FIRST,
PLEASE
INTRODUCE
YOUR-
SELVES!



OKAY.





IT'S SO
EXCITING
TO HAVE AN
IRREGULAR IN
THIS YEAR'S
ENROLLEES!

THE
ENTIRE
FACULTY
OFFICE
WAS
ABUZZ!

TALKING
ABOUT
...?

MY
NAME IS
KOKONOE
TOR.
IT'S NICE
TO MEET
YOU ALL.

THAT'S
THE GUY
WHO
KNOCKED
THAT ONE
GIRL OUT!

Whisper

LIKE
SUPER-
HUMAN?

HEY,
LIM...
WHAT
DOES SHE
MEAN BY
"IRREGU-
LAR"?

Whisper

KOKONOE?
OHhh,
YOU'RE
THE ONE
EVERYONE
IS TALKING
ABOUT!

THE
CRAZY EYE-
CATCHING
SILVER-
HAired
CUTIE NEXT
TO YOU!

OKAY,
NEXT!

WAS IT
REALLY
NECES-
SARY FOR
HER TO
ANNOUNCE
THAT?!

JA.

ching...

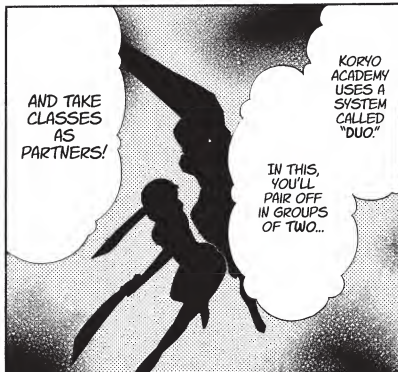
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MY NAME
IS JULIE
SIGTUNA.

IT'S NICE
TO MEET
EVERYONE.

A black and white manga illustration of a young man with short, dark hair and a surprised expression, looking up. He is wearing a dark jacket over a light-colored shirt and tie.

THOUGH
IT'S
CLEAR
SHE'S A
FOREIGN-
ER...
HER
JAPANESE
ISN'T BAD
AT ALL.



So!
THE
REALLY
IMPORTANT
THING TO
KNOW
HERE...

DUO
PARTNER
SYSTEM
...?

I GUESS
I CAN
JUST
PAIR UP
WITH
TORA...



Which
is
why...
★
WE WANT
YOU ALL
TO FIND AN
OFFICIAL
PARTNER TO
FORM YOUR
DUO BY THE
END OF THE
WEEK!

**Let's deepen!
Our relationships!!**

IS THAT
OUR DORMS
HAVE
SHARED
ROOMS!



WHICH
YOU'VE
PROBABLY
ALREADY
GUESSED
BY NOW...

OF COURSE,
WE KNOW YOU
HAVEN'T HAD
A CHANCE TO
PICK YOUR
DUO YET.

SO
THAT'S
WHY...

WHO
WILL
WE...?

TO
DEEPEN
OUR
RELATION-
SHIP? WAIT A
SECOND...

AFTER ALL--THE
MORE YOU SPEND
TIME TOGETHER,
THE MORE YOU'LL
GET TO KNOW
ONE ANOTHER!
★





UNTIL
THE END
OF THIS
WEEK...



WE WILL
HAVE YOU
SHARE A
ROOM
WITH...

THE
PERSON
WHO IS
SITTING
NEXT TO
YOU!

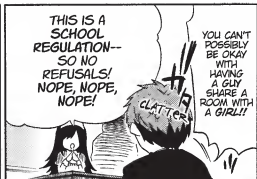




LOOKING
AROUND, IT
SEEMS LIKE
YOU TWO
ARE THE
ONLY BOY-
GIRL PAIR,
DOESN'T
IT?!

Swoon
!?

BUT,
SEN-
SEI!



THIS IS A
SCHOOL
REGULATION--
SO NO
REFUSALS!
NOPE, NOPE,
NOPE!

YOU CAN'T
POSSIBLY
BE OKAY
WITH
HAVING
A GUY
SHARE A
ROOM WITH
A GIRL!!



TO
CLARIFY~!

JUST SO YOU KNOW,
IMPURE FRATERNIZATION
WITH THE OPPOSITE
SEX WILL RESULT IN
YOUR EXPULSION--SO
BE CAAAAREFUL, OKAY~?

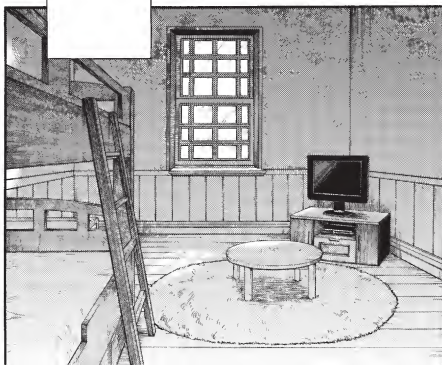


Are we
going--
to make
a baby?

WITH
AND
TO MAKE
A THIRD
ROOM-
MATE...

LIKE
HELL
WE
WOULD
!!







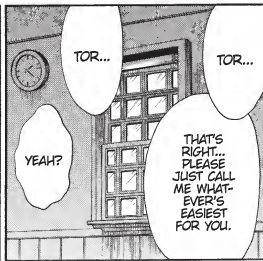
UM...
FOR
NOW...
WANT
TO SIT
DOWN?

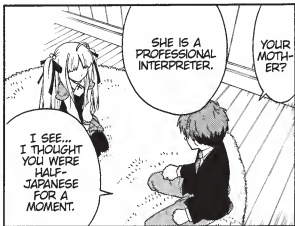
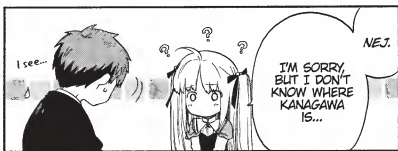
JA.

STARE

I HAVE
NO IDEA
WHAT I
SHOULD
SAY...

THIS
IS SO
AWK-
WARD.





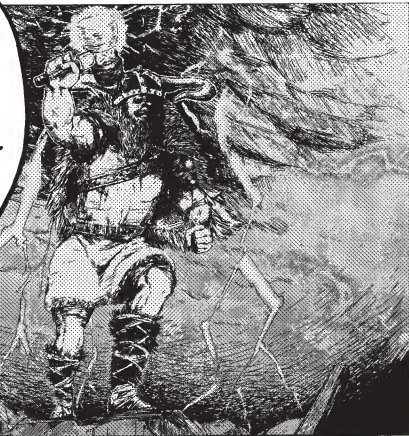
AMONG THE
MYTHS OF
NORTHERN
EUROPE, HE IS
THE GOD THAT
FIGHTS WITH THE
GREATEST
STRENGTH...

JA.

OH,
REALLY?

TOR,
YOUR NAME
IS ALSO
A NAME
IN GIMLÉ.

THOR,
THE GOD
OF
THUNDER.



IF
THAT
WERE
TRUE,
BUT...

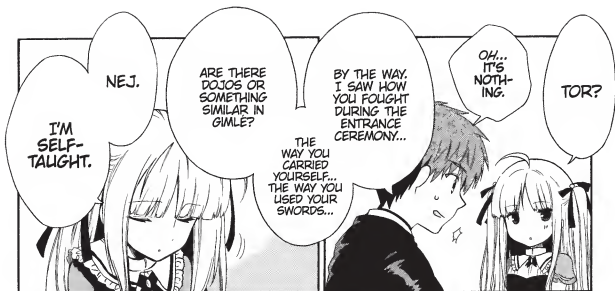
CLENCH

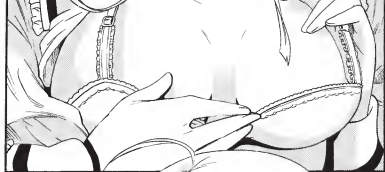
IT
WOULD
BE
NICE...

STRENGTH...

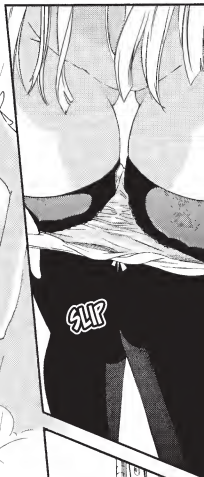
HUH...?



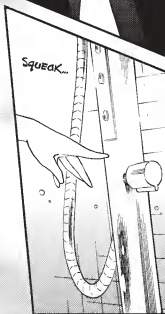




SHAAAA



SLIP



SQUEAK...





AH, TO
ASK...

N...
NO...
THAT'S
...!

IS
SOMETHING
THE
MATTER?

WANT-
ED...!

YOU
SOME-
THING...

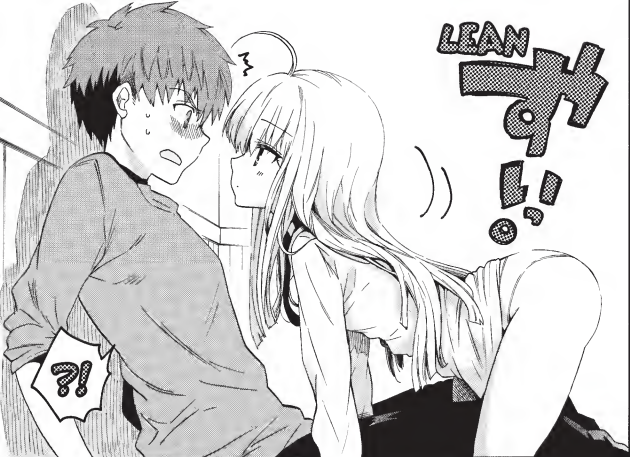
I...

IS IT
POSSIBLE
YOU'VE
MISTAKEN
ME FOR
SOMEONE
ELSE?

IT
WASN'T
JUST
THAT,
THOUGH
...
I WAS
WONDER-
ING WHY
YOU KEPT
STARING
AT ME...

HOW DID
YOU...
KNOW MY
NAME...?

I HEARD
IT
DURING
THE
EXAM.



AM
INTER-
ESTED
IN YOU.



I
AM...

TOR...



VERY...

INTER-
ESTED
IN YOU.

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TOR...

I AM
VERY
INTERESTED
IN YOU.

Chapter 4: It's a Promise, Okay...?

CLENCH...

PLEASE...

JULIE...

I'D
LIKE
YOU
TO...

TEACH
ME.
PLEASE.

TOR...

COULD
THIS
BE...?



HYUUU



HOW
TO DO
THIS.

74
X
HALT

TEACH
ME...



THAT'S
WHAT
SHE
MEANT?!

66

CLENCH

IT
FASCINATED
ME. I WAS
HOPING
YOU COULD
TEACH IT
TO ME.

THE
TECHNIQUE
THAT YOU
USED
DURING THE
OPENING
CERE-
MONY...

WHA--?

THAT'S...

VERY...

LIN-
FORTU-
NATE...

Nod...

HOW...
UNFOR-
TUNATE.

S-SORRY...
THAT
TECHNIQUE
PUTS
A TERRIBLE
AMOUNT OF
STRAIN ON
THE BODY.

IT WOULD
MOST LIKELY
BREAK
SOMEONE WITH
A FRAME AS
DELICATE AS
YOURS. I DON'T
THINK IT'D BE
SAFE TO
TEACH YOU.

JU...

JULIE?!

Flop...



ZZ...
ZZZ...



Hup!

SO...
SOFT...

FOR
SOMEONE
SO
DELICATE,
HER
FIGHTING
TALENT
IS UN-
DENIABLY
INCREDIBLE.



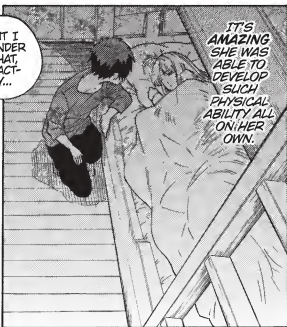
She did mention
that she
was
feeling
a bit
tired.

SHE
FELL
ASLEEP
?!

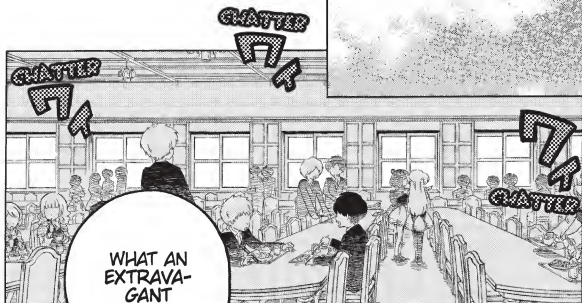


DROVE
HER
TO DO
THAT?

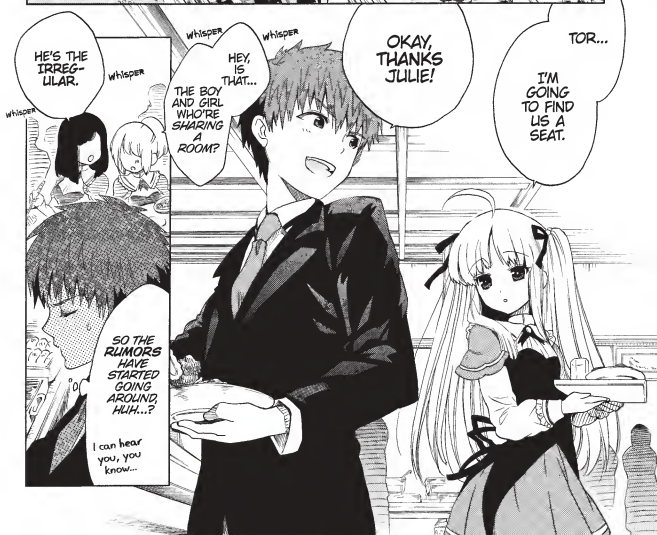
BUT I
WONDER
WHAT,
EXACT-
LY...



IT'S
AMAZING
SHE WAS
ABLE TO
DEVELOP
SUCH
PHYSICAL
ABILITY ALL
ON HER
OWN.



WHAT AN
EXTRA-
VAG-
ANT
SPREAD!



HE'S THE
IRREG-
ULAR.

WHISPER

WHISPER

HEY,
IS
THAT...

WHISPER

THE BOY
AND GIRL
WHO'RE
SHARING
A ROOM?

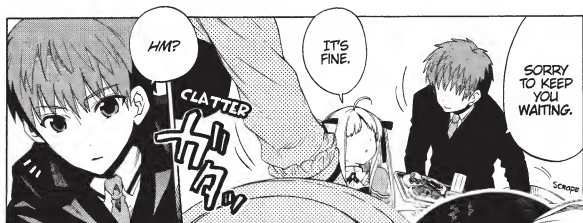
OKAY,
THANKS
JULIE!

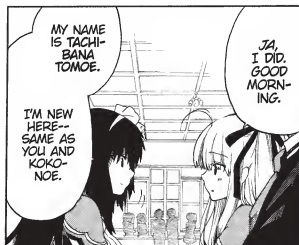
TOR...

I'M
GOING
TO FIND
US A
SEAT.

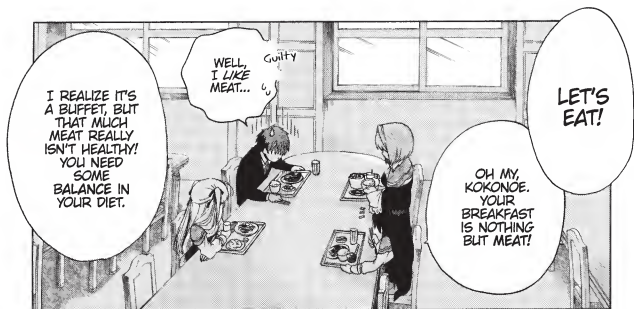
SO THE
RUMORS
HAVE
STARTED
GOING
AROUND,
HUH...?

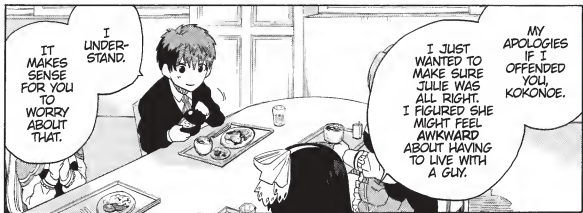
I can hear
you, you
know...









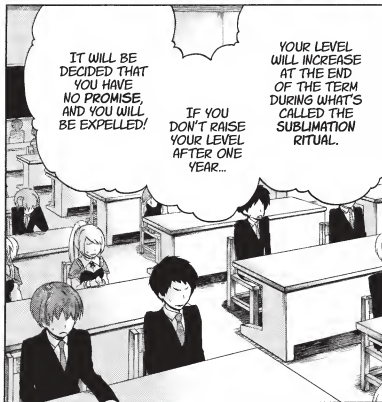






OTHER
WORDS!

IN...



IT WILL BE
DECIDED THAT
YOU HAVE
NO PROMISE,
AND YOU WILL
BE EXPELLED!

IF YOU
DON'T RAISE
YOUR LEVEL
AFTER ONE
YEAR...

YOUR LEVEL
WILL INCREASE
AT THE END
OF THE TERM
DURING WHAT'S
CALLED THE
SUBLIMATION
RITUAL.



LUKIFER
ARE
RANKED BY
WHAT'RE
CALLED
"LEVELS"!

YOU ALL
ONLY JUST
RECENTLY
RECEIVED
LUKIFER
SUBLIMATION--
SO YOU'RE
STILL AT
LEVEL ONE!



I'M GOING
TO PASS
OUT A
PRINTOUT
ABOUT
THE DUO
SYSTEM I
MENTIONED
YESTERDAY.

NEXT!

SO THE
PRIORITY
FOR THIS
TERM IS TO
IMPROVE
OUR
PHYSICAL
FITNESS,
I GUESS...

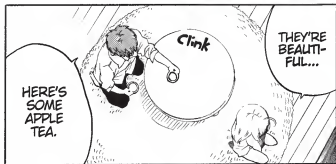


FROM HERE
ON OUT,
LET'S
TEMPER
BOTH OUR
BODIES AND
OUR MINDS,
OKAY?
☆

THAT'S
WHY...
☆

best!

Do
your...



HERE'S
SOME
APPLE
TEA.

THEY'RE
BEAUTI-
FUL...

A TRAVEL
SHOW
ABOUT THE
JAPANESE
CHERRY
BLOS-
SOMS...

WHAT
ARE YOU
WATCHING,
JULIE?



YEAH.
IT'S JUST
POWDERED
STUFF,
THOUGH.

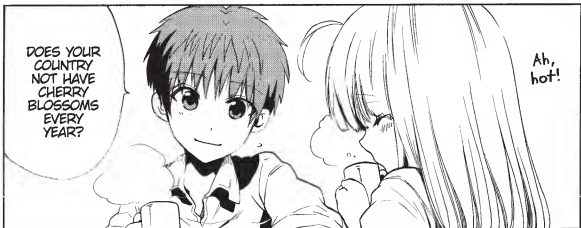
DO YOU
LIKE
APPLE
TEA?

I LIKE IT
ENOUGH
THAT I
BROUGHT
IT HERE,
I SUP-
POSE...



Aah

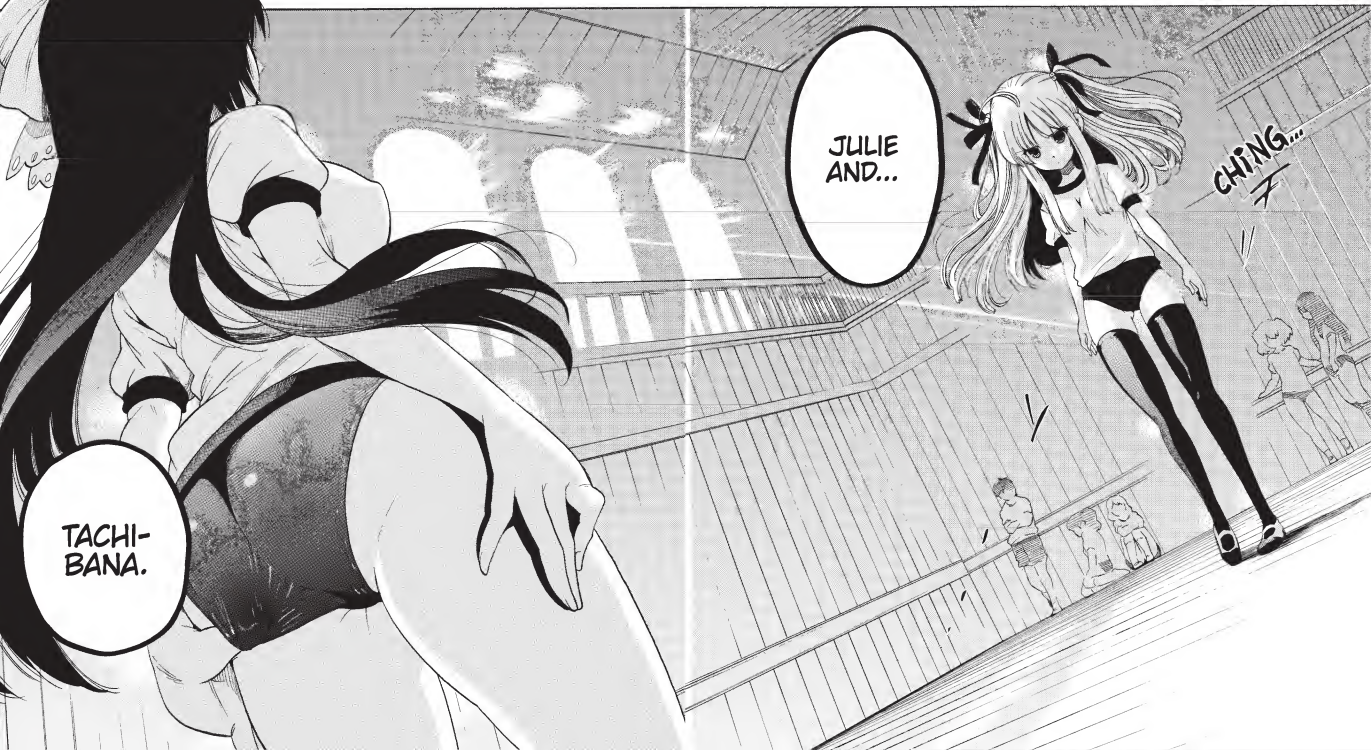
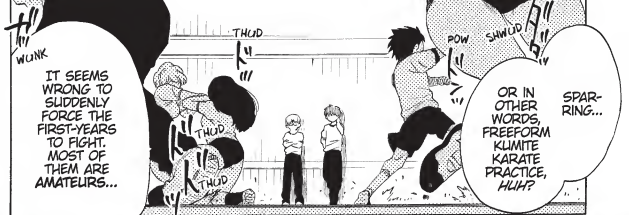
CHERRY
BLOS-
SOMS?

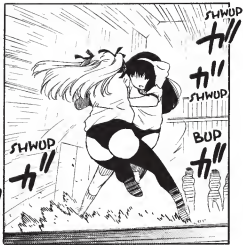
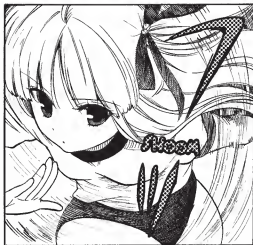


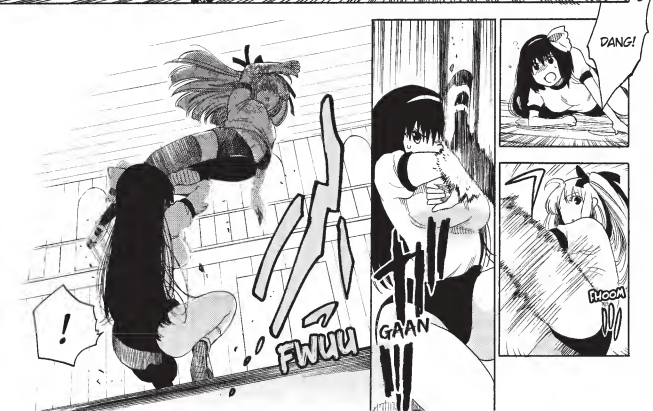
DOES YOUR
COUNTRY
NOT HAVE
CHERRY
BLOSSOMS
EVERY
YEAR?

Ah,
hot!







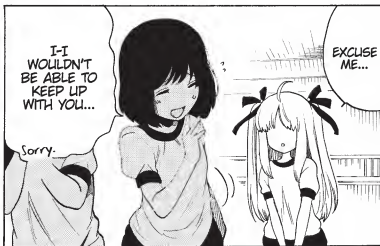
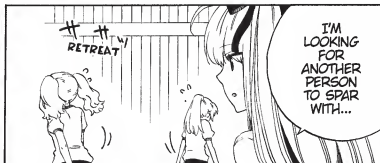
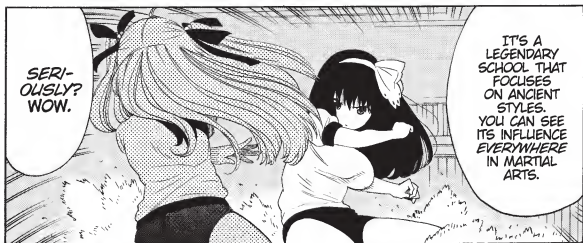


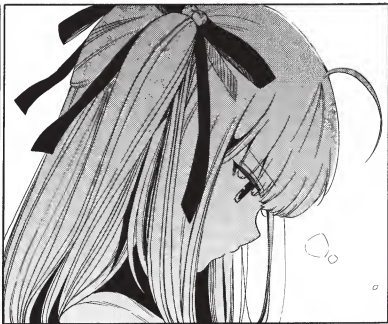




SHE'S FAST...!!







IS JULIE
GOING
TO BE
OKAY?



AT THIS
RATE,
I WON-
DER...

DON'T
HAVE ANY
MARTIAL
ARTS EX-
PERIENCE
WHATSO-
EVER...



HALF
OF THE
STUDENTS...

NOD...
...
...



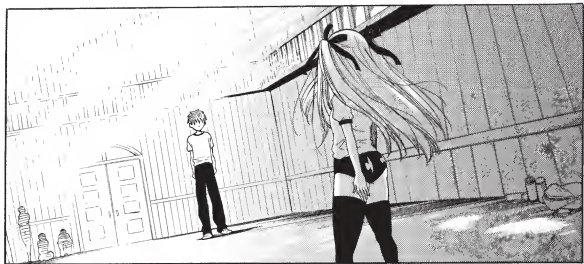
JULIE...

DO YOU
WANT TO
SPAR
WITH ME?

I HOPE
SHE'S
DOESN'T
HAVE
TROU-
BLE...

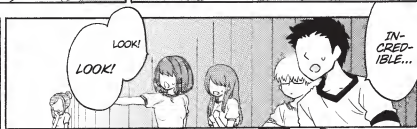
FIND-
ING A
PART-
NER...





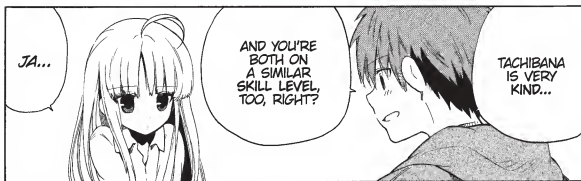
HAHH.











I PROMISED
THAT WE
WOULD GO
AND SEE THE
CHERRY
BLOSSOMS,
DIDN'T I?

THAT'S
RIGHT...

WE CAN
HAVE A QUIET
GOODBYE
PARTY TO
FINISH UP
OUR ROOM-
SHARE.

THEN,
AT NIGHT...

LET'S GO
SEE THEM
FIRST
THING
TOMOR-
ROW.

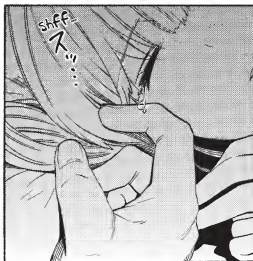
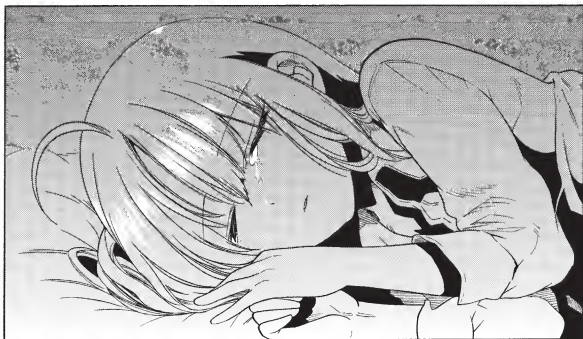
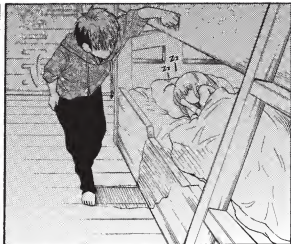


NEVER
MIND...

.....

TOR...







—
...

PAPA...



IS JUST A
DISTRAC-
TION?

COULD IT BE
THAT HER
OUTWARD
STRENGTH...



AFTER
ALL?

MAYBE,
SHE'S
JUST A
DELICATE...

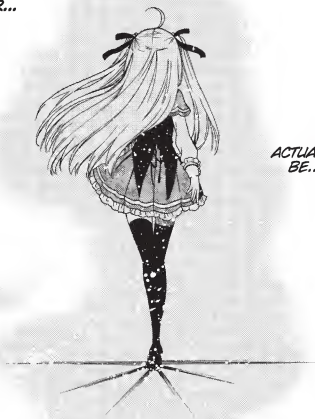
NORMAL
GIRL...

FAR
BIGGER...

COULD
THE
BURDEN
CARRIED
BY THIS
TINY
BODY...

THAN I
THOUGHT?

ACTUALLY
BE...

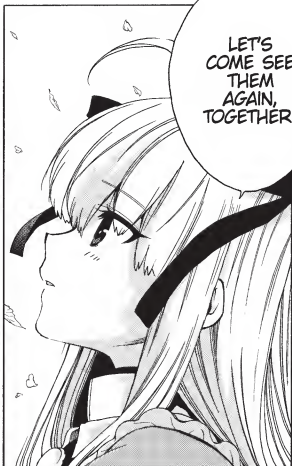






SURE.

TO-
GETHER...



LET'S
COME SEE
THEM
AGAIN,
TOGETHER.



"TOGETHER"...?



EVEN IF
NOT AS
A DUO,
WE'LL
STILL BE
CLASSMATES,
I GUESS.

WILL
WE BE
TOGETHER,
THEN?



NEXT
YEAR...

ADMIRING HER STRENGTH...



AND SEEING HER WITH
HER GUARD DOWN...



TOGETHER,
NEXT
YEAR.

IT'S A
PROMISE,
OKAY?

WILL
I...?

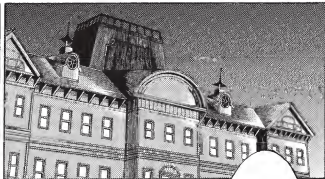
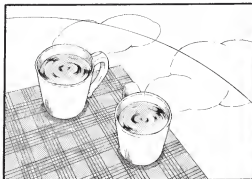
TOR.





IT'S A
PROMISE.



A black and white illustration of a boy and a girl sitting at a table. The boy, on the left, is wearing a hoodie and looking towards the girl. The girl, on the right, has long hair and is looking back at him. They are in a room with large windows in the background.

NO...

THANK YOU, JULIE.

THANK YOU.

EVEN IF IT WAS ONLY FOR A WEEK...

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Chapter 5: Let's Have Apple Tea Again.



TORA AND I
PLAN TO
PARTNER
UP, AND IT
LOOKS LIKE
TACHIBANA
AND JULIE
WILL DO THE
SAME.

MY ROOM-
SHARE
WITH JULIE
ENDS
TODAY.

TOMORROW,
WE HAVE TO
DECIDE ON
WHO WILL
BECOME OUR
DUO PARTNER
UNTIL WE
GRADUATE.

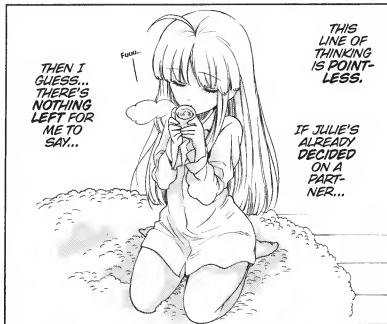
THINK-
ING
ABOUT
IT...

THOUGH,
I KIND OF
FEEL THE
SAME
WAY.

SHE
LOOKS
KIND OF
LONELY...

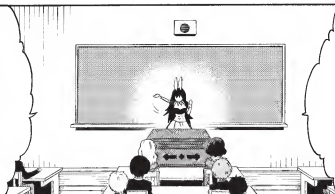
TACHIBANA IS
CERTAINLY
CAPABLE
OF HELPING
JULIE
SUCCEED,
BUT STILL...

I WON'T
BE ABLE
TO WATCH
OVER HER
MYSELF
ANYMORE...



DID YOU ALL
DECIDE ON
WHO YOUR
FATED
PARTNER
WILL BE?

TODAY'S
THE DAY
TO SUBMIT
YOUR DUO
APPLICATIONS!



THAT'S
WHY I'M
SAYING
WE
SHOULD
PAIR UP...

IF YOU'RE
GOING TO
INSIST, THEN
I GUESS
I HAVE NO
CHOICE!

TORA
WILL BE
A FINE
DUO...

ESPE-
CIALY
SINCE...

HE WAS
SAYING
STUFF
LIKE
THAT.

BY
THE
WAY!!

MAKE SURE
TO BRING
YOUR APPLI-
CATION TO
THE OFFICE
BY SIX
O'CLOCK
TONIGHT,
OKAY?

THOSE OF
YOU WHO
DON'T SUBMIT
AN APPLI-
CATION IN TIME
WILL BE
PAIRED UP BY
THE STAFF
HERE.

CHOOSE
YOUR
PARTNER
CAREFULLY,
OKAY?



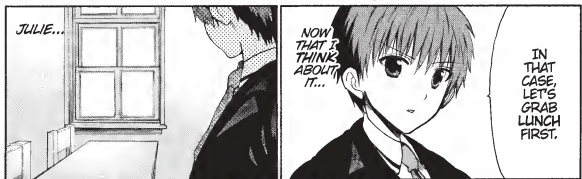
SO TRY
TO GET
ALONG,
OKAAAY?

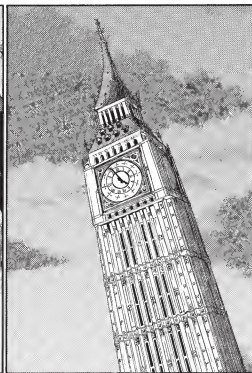
You got
to promise
Professor
Bun-Bun,
okay?



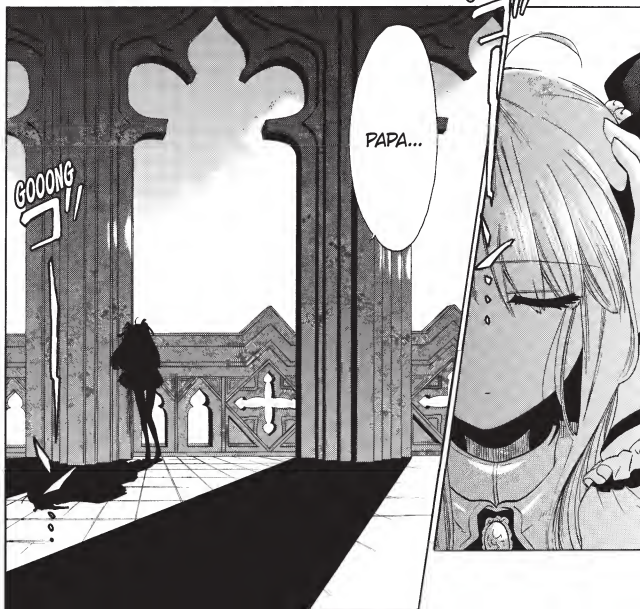
YOU CAN'T
CHANGE
YOUR
PARTNERS
AT ALL
UNTIL YOU
GRADUATE.

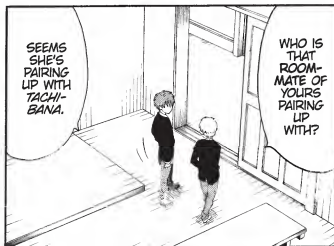






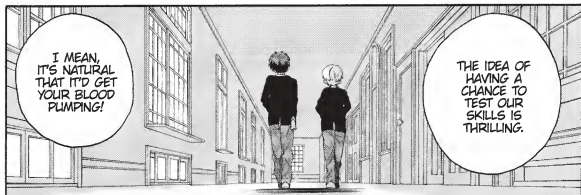








I DIDN'T COME TO THIS SCHOOL TO FIGHT OFF THE LADIES... BUT...





WE WANTED
TO WAIT
OUT THE
CROWDS.

TACHI-
BANA...

DID YOU
TWO ALSO
PUT OFF
HANDING
IN YOUR
APPLICATION?



AFTER ALL,
YOU TWO ARE
GOING TO BE
ROOMMATES
FOR THE NEXT
THREE YEARS.

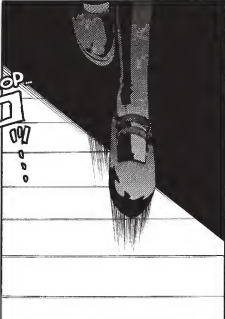
WE PRINT
YOUR
PARTNER'S
NAME ON
YOUR
STUDENT ID,
TOO.

I
SEE...



KOKO-
NOE...

ARE YOU
GUYS
REGISTER-
ING NOW,
TOO?



GLOP-
...
...



G-
GOOD
EVE-
NING...

YEAH,
THERE
WAS A
LINE
EARLIER,
SO...

NOW
THAT YOU
MENTION
IT, JUL--





HER
STRENGTH
AND SKILL
LEVEL...

LEFT
HER ALL
ALONE.



WHO
STILL
HASN'T
SUBMITTED
AN APPLI-
CATION?!

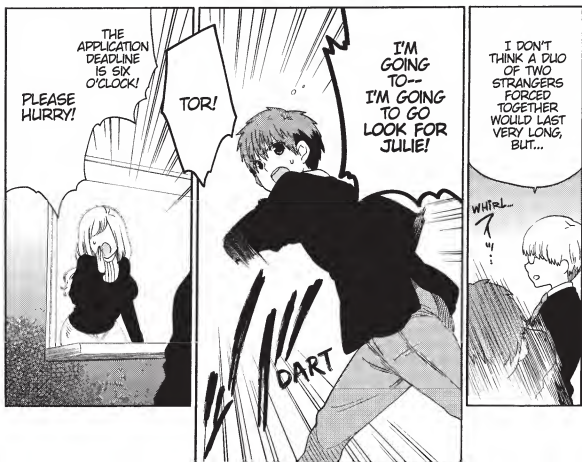


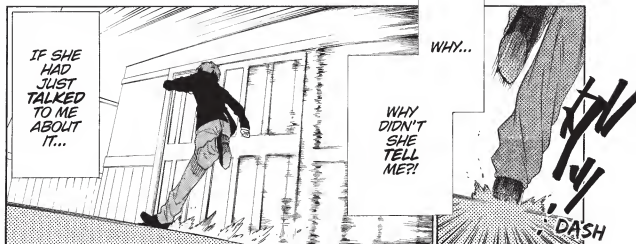
EXCUSE
ME!

WHO...

THOSE OF YOU
WHO DON'T
SUBMIT AN
APPLICATION
IN TIME WILL BE
PAIRED UP BY THE
STAFF HERE."







IF SHE
HAD
JUST
TALKED
TO ME
ABOUT
IT...

WHY...

WHY
DIDN'T
SHE
TELL
ME?!

DASH



I
COULDN'T
MAKE
ANOTHER
PERSON
WORRY
ABOUT ME
LIKE THAT.

I WOULDN'T
SAY ANY-
THING,
EITHER. I
DON'T THINK
I'D BE ABLE
SAY ANY-
THING.

NO.

IF I
WERE
IN HER
POSITION...

TO
RELY
ON ME.

AND I
WANTED
HER...

BUT...

I WANTED
HER TO
TELL ME,
PRECISELY
BECAUSE
IT'S ME...



CAN I
REALLY
JUST
LEAVE
HER...

TO
SOMEONE
ELSE?

JULIE...

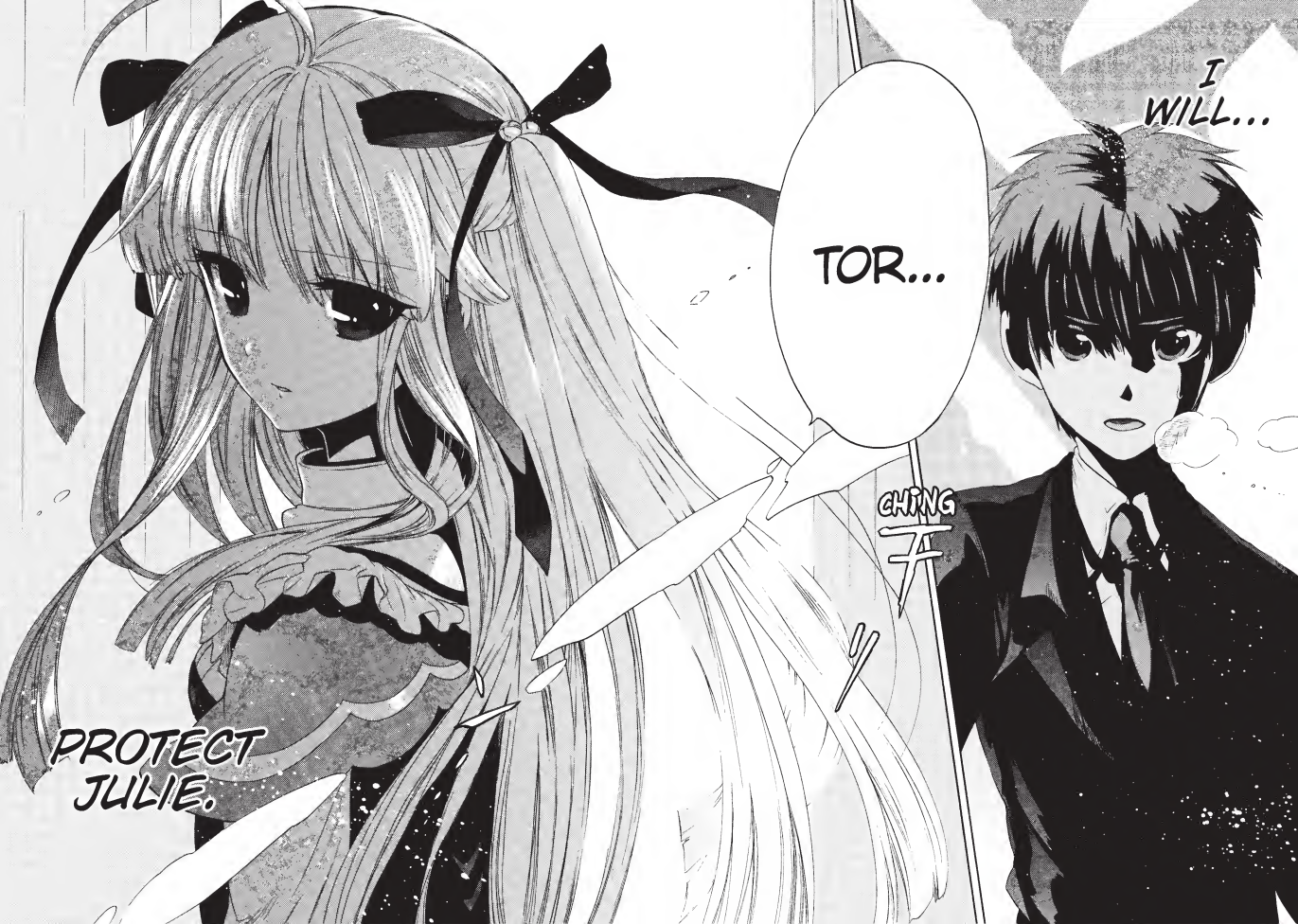
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I
WILL...

TOR...

CHING

PROTECT
JULIE.

IS
SOME-
THING
THE
MATTER...?



I'VE BEEN
LOOKING
EVERY-
WHERE
FOR YOU,
JULIE...!

GRAB

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN,
IS
SOME-
THING
THE
MATTER?!



THAT YOU
DIDN'T
PARTNER
WITH
TACHIBANA
FOR YOUR
DUO?!

WHY
DIDN'T
YOU
TELL
ME...





EVEN STILL
...

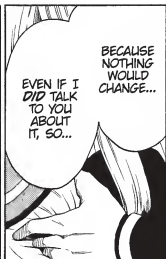
I WANTED
YOU TO TELL
ME...

I
WANTED
YOU TO
RELY
ON
ME...



TROUBLE
YOU.

I DIDN'T
WANT
TO...



BECAUSE
NOTHING
WOULD
CHANGE...

EVEN IF I
DID TALK
TO YOU
ABOUT
IT, SO...



FROM
NOW ON,
I THINK IT
WOULD
BE GOOD
IF...

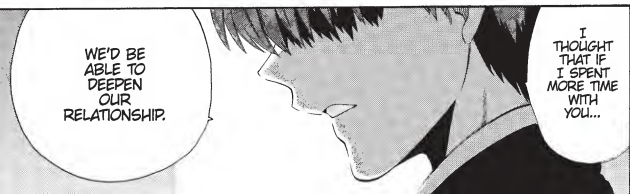
WE LEARN TO
UNDER-
STAND AND
TRUST
EACH OTHER.

I...



I CAN'T BE
SO SELFISH
TO SOMEONE
I'VE ONLY
KNOWN
A WEEK...

I'M SURE
EVERYONE
FEELS LIKE
THAT.
HOW-
EVER...



WE'D BE
ABLE TO
DEEPEN
OUR
RELATIONSHIP.

I
THOUGHT
THAT IF
I SPENT
MORE TIME
WITH
YOU...



AND I WIPE
AWAY THE
TEARS YOU
SHED IN
YOUR SLEEP...

WHEN
I SAW
YOU IN
THE
MIDDLE
OF THE
NIGHT...



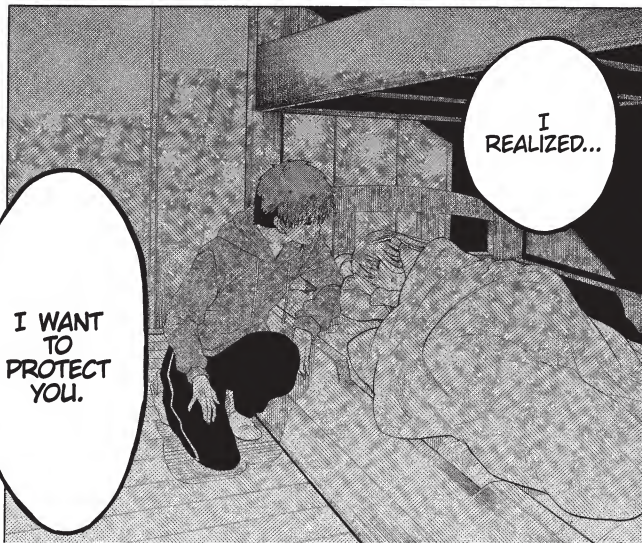
HONESTLY...
I ADMIRE
YOUR
STRENGTH.

WHY
...?



BUT
THEN...

I WAS
ENVILOUS,
THINKING
THAT IF ONLY
I HAD HAD
A STRENGTH
LIKE YOURS...



I WANT
TO
PROTECT
YOU.

I
REALIZED...

IT MIGHT
NOT BE AS
RELIABLE
AS A
WEAPON...
BUT...



MY
BLAZE
IS A
SHIELD.

IS SOME-
THING THAT
PROTECTS
PEOPLE.



A
SHIELD...

WITH
THIS
SHIELD
BIRTHED
BY MY
SOUL...

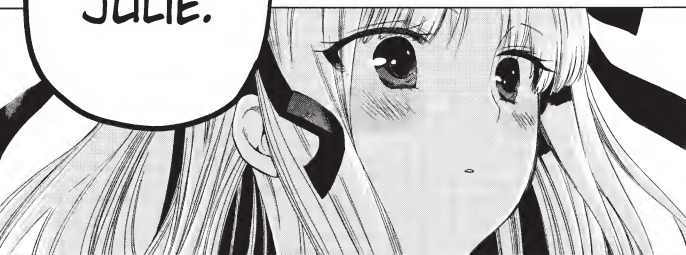


WHAT I
WANT TO
PROTECT...



IS
YOU...

JULIE.





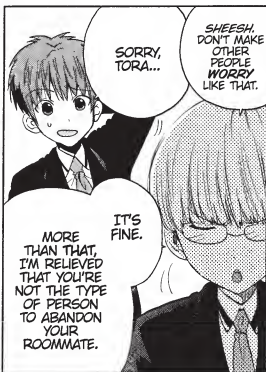
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JA.

PLEASE
BECOME
MY DUO
PARTNER!

.....





JULIE.

pat
pat

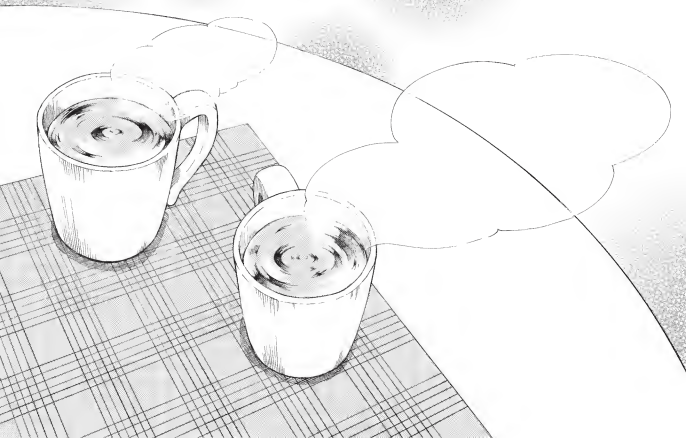
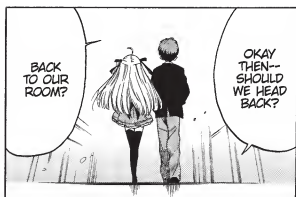
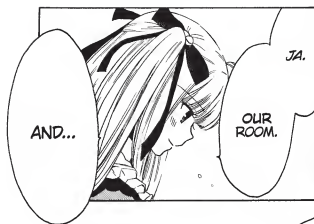
I'LL BE
COUNTING
ON YOU...

IN THAT
CASE,
ONCE
AGAIN.

AS MY
OFFICIAL
PARTNER...



JA.

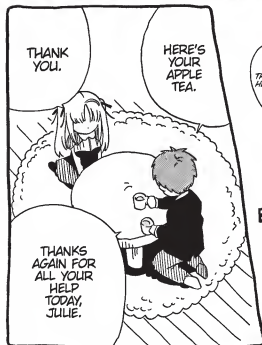
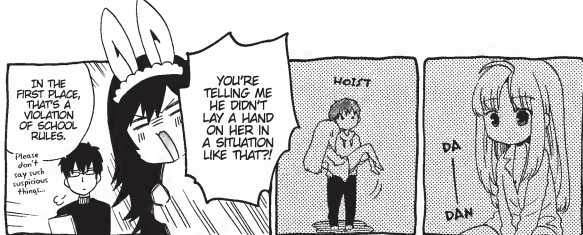


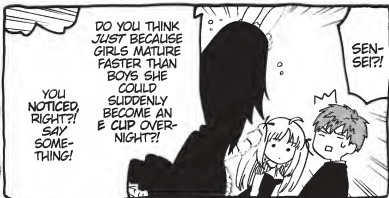
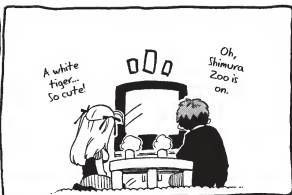
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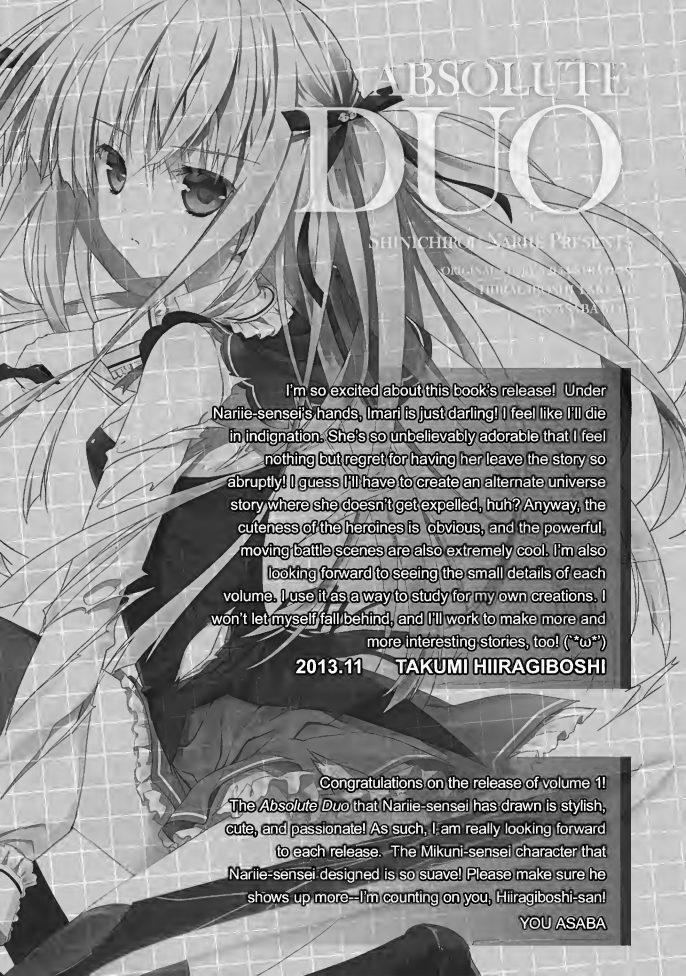


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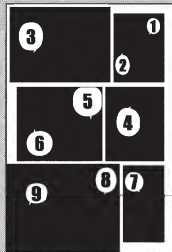
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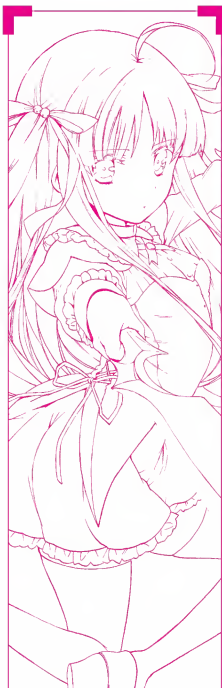
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